MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know how the present condition compares with the condition that was prevailing in so early as 4-1-1113 ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : In 4-1-1113 the condition of crops was satisfactory and water was supplied in sufficient quantities. Now there is no water in the reservoir to serve all the lands under cultivation.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know the present reading of the reservoir ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : It is about 3 feet.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether the Department has recommended to Government that a particular area in Nanjinad should be abandoned ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Yes. The lands under tail ends of channels has been asked to be cut down.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know the total acreage of such lands ordered to be cut off ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : I claim notice.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I have at least an approximate idea ?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : About 25,000 acres.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : Have Government passed final orders in regard to steps taken with a view to relieve the distress of the agriculturists in Nanjinad ?

PRESIDENT : The member can indicate the steps that the Government are taking.

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR : Government are investigating the possibilities of increasing the storage of tanks and minor reservoirs and that work is going on rapidly. Up to now about Rs 10,000 worth of estimates has been submitted to Government and are pending sanction. Estimates for about Rs. 40,000 worth of work have been prepared by the Division Officer and they will be submitted in due course. Work has been allowed to be started in anticipation of sanction on estimates already submitted.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether Government propose to issue any notification with regard to the particulars of the lands to be left out of consideration ?

MR. S SESHA AIYAR : No notification has been issued.

Caution Board in front of the E. H. S , Thuckalay.

166. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether any caution board has been put up in front of the English High School, Thuckalay ;

(*b*) whether the necessity for such a board has been brought to the notice of the Division or Sub-Division Officers, Nagercoil, by any one ; and

(*c*) if so, when ?

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MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*), (*b*) & (*c*). No caution board has been put up in front of the English High School at Thuckalay. A requisition was received last year by the Division Officer, Nagercoil, from the Headmaster of the School for putting up a caution board. This is being arranged for by the Division Officer, Nagercoil.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know how many months is it since a equisition has been received by the Government?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know how long it will take for this board to be put up by the Government?

MR. SESHA AIYAR: It will not take more than two days for a board to be put up. But the matter was not considered to be so urgent and it will be taken up in due course.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: Am I to take it that the safety of the school-going children was not deemed to be of sufficient importance?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: There has been no caution board there for the last so many years.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: True, may I know whether after requisition has been received by Government any step has been taken for putting up the board?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Steps have been taken and I understand that the caution board is being made and I think it might have been put up by about this time.

Irrigation tanks in the Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara taluks.

167. *MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of major and minor tanks in the taluks of Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara;

(*b*) how many of them are now in good condition; and

(*c*) how many of them are yet to be repaired?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR:

	In Trivandrum.	*In Neyyattinkara.*
(*a*)	Major tank 1.	1.
	Minor tanks 288.	580.
(*b*)	128 tanks in Trivandrum taluk.	
	182 tanks in Neyyattinkara taluk.	
(*c*)	161 tanks in Trivandrum taluk.	
	399 tanks in Neyyattinkara taluk.	

MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR: May I know whether Government have taken any steps for repairing the tanks yet to be repaired?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Estimates have been sent up for a few tanks and estimates for others are under preparation.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any tank contemplated in the question has been registered to any private individual?

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